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pieces baggage, passed. June 14, American Line steamship *Waesland*, for Philadelphia, 4 second-cabin, and 49 steerage passengers, with 58 pieces baggage, passed.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Status of plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *June 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since May 25, the date of my last report, cases of plague have been returned as follows: At Osaka, May 24, 1; May 26, 2; May 30, 1. In Shidzuoka Ken, at 3 different points, May 22, 1; May 25, 1; May 29, 1; May 30, 1; and May 31, 1. This makes a total since the renewed outbreak of the disease of 38 cases, 29 at Osaka and 9 in Shidzuoka Ken. The case in quarantine at Nagasaki, reported in my last, has been followed by no second.

Disease of a suspicious character has been reported also from Akita Ken. in the extreme northern portion of Nippon, on May 25, and from Nara, a city near Osaka, on May 31. The Akita case is almost certainly not one of plague.

It is announced that the authorities of Osaka are about to attempt the immunization of the entire population of the city by the use of Haffkine's prophylactic. Should this experiment be carried out under correct conditions, it will afford an almost unexampled test of the value of the treatment.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Quarantine regulations against plague.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, *June 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 3, 1900, requesting me to forward recent reports of the Japanese Government as to methods employed in combating the plague, which you understand to have been published in English, and also asking for copies of Professor Kitasato's latest report on the bacillus pestis.

In reply I would say that I have no knowledge of any such reports of the Japanese Government as you speak of and know of no recent report of Professor Kitasato on the plague bacillus. I have, however, communicated with the home department and with Professor Kitasato and will notify you of the result of my applications as soon as possible.

Meanwhile I inclose a copy of the regulations for the management of plague, being those which were adopted at the first outbreak of the disease at Kobe and Osaka last winter, originally drawn up by the Japanese sanitary officials and slightly modified later by the acceptance of some of the suggestions made by the advisory board of foreign physicians, of the organization of which I notified you under date December 28, 1899.

These regulations are, in all essentials, those which are now in force in this ken, and are, practically, adopted in other districts as well,